Harlot. *Rev.* 17. 5.

A Profitable *Parallel* between Christ's *Virgin* Church and Antichrists *Harlotry*, ——— More *generally*, Christs visible Church is known by its Scriptural *FAITH* and *ORDER*, which are the very *Beauty* and *Bands* of every Bride of Christ. Those Churches then, which have not a true Scriptural *FAITH*, and thereto joyn'd a true Scriptural *ORDER*, where their *FAITH* is good, yet if their *ORDER* be bad, (tho these *two* can't consist together) much more where there is a visible *want*, both of sound *FAITH*, and good *ORDER*, can these be reckon'd true Churches of Christ? More *particularly*, Christs true Church is built upon *seven*-Pillars, [right **Foundation**, **Matter**, **Form**, **Officers**, **Ordinances**, **Order** and **End**.] Now can those be true Churches where *any*, much more where *all* of these seven Pillars are wanting? For Instance. 1, Where the **Foundation** is *not* Christ alone, *but* humane Laws, Edicts, Constitutions, Polity, Purse, Power, *&c.* can there be a *true Church* of Christ? 2. Where the **Matter** is not *visible Believers*, and *their Seed*, and *no more* of these to every Church, than can assemble in *one place*, but a *Nation* or *Nations* by the lump, *mixt Societies*, *Congregations*, or at best, a Mesh of *grown people excluding their Infants*; can there be a *true Church* of Christ? 3. Where the **Form** of a Church is not by *Covenant*, but only by *Cohabitation*, *Congregation*, or *any other* such *common way*, can we say there is a *true Church* of Christ? 4. Where the **Officers** are not *Pastor* and *Deacons*, with their *helps*, but *Popes*, *Cardinals*, *Lordly Prelates*, *Monks*, *two* Pastors in *one* Church, *Hackney Preachers*, *Unmarry'd Lads*, and *the like* can that be said to be a *true Church* of Christ? 5. Where the **Ordinances** are not duly distinguish't into more *general*, and *special*, and so dispenc'd *four* more *generally* to all, and *four* more *peculiarly* to the Church only, but are huddled up, and dispenc'd *promiscuously*, where *singing*, *praying*, *preaching*, and *contribution*, are perform'd in a *wrong manner*; where *Baptism* is too *strictly*, or too *largely* dispenc'd, some admitting *any* to it, and others denying it to the *Infants of Believers*, some *spitting*, *&c.* others *plunging* for baptizing; where the *Lords Supper* is taken in a wrong *posture*, or *season*; where *Church Fellowship*, and *Church Censure* are utterly *unknown*, or not duly *exercis'd*; how can here be said to be a *true Church* of Christ? 6. Where the **Order** of a Church is not taken from the *Word of God* alone, but from *Traditions*, *Canons*, *Custom*, *Councils*, *Fathers*, *Popes*, *Prelates*, *Churches*, *Ministers*, *&c.* can there be a *true Church* of Christ? 7. Where the **End** of a Church is not *Gods Glory*, and the *good of Souls*, but *Interest*, *Grandeur*, *worldly Honour*, *Profit*, or *Praise* of Men; can this be call'd a *true Church* of Christ? Thus *Reader* thou mayest judge of *wrong*, and condemn it by what is *right*, hereby thou mayest know how to chuse the *Good*, and to refuse the *Evil*, hereby thou mayest distinguish between the many pretended *Virgins*, barefac't *Concubines*, counterfeit *Wives*, and the true *Dove*, and *undefiled Church* of Christ, the *only one* of her Mother, the *choice one* of her that bare her, whom tho the *Daughters* see and bless, and the *Queens* and *Concubines* praise, yet *dare they not joyn themselves to her*, for that she *looks forth as the* Morn, *fair as the* Moon, *clear as the* Sun, *and terrible as an* Army *with Banners: Consider what I say, and the Lord give thee a good Understanding in all things. Amen!* [*Cant.* 5. 8. 10. *Act.* 5. 13. 2 *Tim.* 2. 7.]

Virgin. 2 *Cor.* 11. 2.

Jer. 7. 4, 11.
Hos. 10. 2.
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1 Tim. 1. 19.
Prov. 14. 1.
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1 Pet. 5. 2, 3.
1 Tim. 3. 1. 7.
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Mal. 3. 7.
Mat. 7. 6.
1 Chron. 15. 13.
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Mic. 2. 9, 10.
1 Pet. 3. 21.
1 Cor. 10. 21
Heb. 10. 25.
Re. 2. 14. 20.
Isa. 24. 5.
Mat. 15. 9.
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Ezek. 34. 2, 3.
Joh. 5. 44.
ch. 12. 43.
1 Tim. 6. 5.
Isa. 5. 20.

Col. 2. 5.
Zech. 11. 7.
Prov. 9. 1.
1 Cor. 3. 11.
Eph. 2. 20.
1 Cor. 1. 2.
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Psal. 50. 5.
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1 Tim. 3. 8
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Neh. 9. 5.
Eph. 6. 18.
2 Cor. 4. 2.
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1 Cor. 10. 1, 2.
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1 Joh. 1. 3.
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Isa. 8. 20.
Gal. 6. 16.
2 Tim. 3. 16, 17
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